GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Certain irregularities in execution of CC Road works from State Bank to Main Junction Ring Road at Nellimarla Panchayat in Vizianagaram District, taken up by the Public Health Department - Departmental action initiated against Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, P.H.Circle, Visakhapatnam and five (5) others under Rule-20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Inquiry conducted – Imposed a minor penalty of "Withholding of One Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect" against (i) Sri P. Ganapathi Rao, the then- Executive Engineer; (ii) Smt. Tara Prasanna, the then Dy. Executive Engineer; (iii) Sri B.Maheswar, the then Assistant Executive Engineer; and (iv) Sri A.Apparao, the then Assistant Engineer, of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.480 **Dated:08.07.2024**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.39(C.No.148/V&E/E/2017), dated.28.06.2018.
2. G.O.Rt.No.819, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.28.08.2018
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.979, 980, 981 & 982, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.25.10.2018.
4. Written Statement of Defences Sri P. Ganapathi Rao, the then- Executive Engineer, Smt. Tara Prasanna, the then Dy. Executive Engineer, Sri B.Maheswar, the then Assistant Executive Engineer and Sri A.Apparao, the then Assistant Engineer of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat.
5. G.O.Rt.No.48, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.22.01.2020.
6. G.O.Rt.No.49, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.22.01.2020.
7. Inquiry Report of Sri M.Venkateswara Rao, Enquiry Officer & the then Chief Engineer, GVMC Visakhapatnam, Lr.Roc.No.021346/2020/GVMC, dated.21.09.2020.
8. Govt.Memo.No.1486665/Vig.I/2018, dated.26.02.2021.
9. Written representations of Sri P. Ganapathi Rao, the then- Executive Engineer, Smt. Tara Prasanna, the then Dy. Executive Engineer, Sri B.Maheswar, the then Assistant Executive Engineer and Sri A.Apparao, the then Assistant Engineer of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat.
10. Govt.Memo.No.1486665/Vig.I/2018, dated.03.11.2021.
11. From the ENC(PH)., A.P., Tadepalli, Lr.No.20299/V&E/VR.No.39/CS2/2012, Dated:26.04.2022.
12. From Sri K.V.N.Ravi, the then S.E, GVMC & Investigation officer, Lr.No.012/2023-24/GVMC, Dated:06.10.2023.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department that the V&E officials enquired into the

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allegations of irregularities in the execution of Road works taken up by the Public Health Department in Vizianagaram District and recommended to initiate departmental action against Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, P.H.Circle, Visakhapatnam and five (5) others, Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizianagaram.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, P.H.Circle, Visakhapatnam and five (5) others, Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizianagaram under Rule-24 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991. In the reference 3rd read above, articles of charges were framed against (i) Sri P. Ganapathi Rao, the then- Executive Engineer; (ii) Smt. Tara Prasanna, the then Dy. Executive Engineer; (iii) Sri B.Maheswar, the then Assistant Executive Engineer; and (iv) Sri A.Apparao, the then Assistant Engineer of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, under Rule-20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, duly directing them to submit their written statement of defence thereon.

3. Having not convinced with the explanations submitted by the charged officers, Government appointed Sri M.Venkateswara Rao, the then Chief Engineer, GVMC Visakhapatnam, as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against all the charged officers, vide reference 5th read above. In the reference 6th read above, Sri M.Vinay Kumar, the then Superintending Engineer, GVMC., Visakhapatnam, was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

4. In the reference 7th read above, Sri M.Venkateswara Rao, the then Chief Engineer, GVMC Visakhapatnam, submitted Inquiry report concluding that, the charges framed against (i) Sri P. Ganapathi Rao, the then- Executive Engineer; (ii) Sri B.Maheswar, the then Assistnt Executive Engineer of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat were held 'not proved' in the Inquiry and One charge out of Two (2) charges framed against (i) Smt. Tara Prasanna, the then Dy. Executive Engineer; (ii) Sri A.Apparao, the then Assistant Engineer, of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat was held 'Proved' in the Inquiry.

5. Government have examined the Inquiry report and communicated a copy of Inquiry report along with disagreement factors to all the Charged Officers of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizianagaram, under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 and directed to submit their written representations, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry officer and disagreement factors, vide reference 8th read above.

6. In the reference 9th read above, (i) Sri P. Ganapathi Rao, the then-Executive Engineer; (ii) Smt. Tara Prasanna, the then Dy. Executive Engineer; (iii) Sri B.Maheswar, the then Assistant Executive Engineer; and (iv) Sri A.Apparao, the then Assistant Engineer of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat submitted their written representations and requested to drop further action against them.

7. In the reference 10th read above, the ENC (PH), A.P., Guntur was requested to offer his specific remarks on the written representations; keeping in

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view of the disagreement factors, for taking a provisional decision in the matter. Accordingly, the ENC(PH)., A.P., Guntur submitted the specific remarks of the then Chief Engineer, AP TIDCO, Vijayawada, vide reference 11th read above.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter; keeping in view of the findings of the Inquiry report, written representations of the charged officers and Keeping in view the recommendations of ENC(PH)., and circumstances reported by the Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer, vide references 11th & 12th read above, it has been decided to impose a minor penalty of "Withholding of One Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect" against (i) Sri P. Ganapathi Rao, the then- Executive Engineer; (ii) Smt. Tara Prasanna, the then Dy. Executive Engineer; (iii) Sri B.Maheswar, the then Assistant Executive Engineer; and (iv) Sri A.Apparao, the then Assistant Engineer of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, since the recovery of amounts from the agency to the extent of deficiencies observed itself substantiating the charges framed against them and the issue reached its logical conclusion in all aspects.

9. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a minor penalty of "Withholding of One Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect" against (i) Sri P. Ganapathi Rao, the then- Executive Engineer; (ii) Smt. Tara Prasanna, the then Dy. Executive Engineer; (iii) Sri B.Maheswar, the then Assistant Executive Engineer; and (iv) Sri A.Apparao, the then Assistant Engineer of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizinagaram.

10. The Engineer –In –Chief (Public Health), A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

11. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P. Ganapathi Rao, the then- Executive Engineer, Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizinagaram - **through** the E-N-C(PH)., A.P., Guntur.
Smt. Tara Prasanna, the then Dy. Executive Engineer, Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizinagaram - **through** the E-N-C(PH)., A.P., Guntur.
Sri B.Maheswar, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizinagaram - **through** the E-N-C(PH)., A.P., Guntur.
Sri A.Apparao, the then Assistant Engineer, of Nellimarla Nagar Panchayat, Vizinagaram - **through** the E-N-C(PH)., A.P., Guntur
The Engineer –In –Chief (Public Health), A.P., Guntur.

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